



**FARMINGTON  
HILLS**  
*Michigan*  
**ALARM REGISTRATION**

<b>ALARM LOCATION</b>	_____ Street Address	_____ Apt/Suite	_____ City, Zip Code
<b>ALARM USER OR OWNER</b>	_____ Name (Last, First) / Business	_____ Phone (Home/Cell)	_____ Phone (Business)
<b>CONTACT PERSONS (If Alarm User/Owner is not available)</b>	1. _____ Name (Last, First)	_____ Phone (Home/Cell)	_____ Phone (Business)
	2. _____ Name (Last, First)	_____ Phone (Home/Cell)	_____ Phone (Business)
	3. _____ Name (Last, First)	_____ Phone (Home/Cell)	_____ Phone (Business)
<b>BILLING ADDRESS (If different from above)</b>	_____ Name - Company Name	_____ Phone	
	_____ Street Address	_____ City, State, Zip Code	
<b>ALARM SYSTEM INFORMATION</b>	_____ Alarm Company	_____ Phone	
	_____ Street Address	_____ City, State, Zip Code	

I furthermore state that I have read and understand all the provisions of Farmington Hills Ordinance 17.90 (printed on the reverse side of this form), and that I will abide by the regulations as contained therein.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Permission is hereby granted for the registration of the above described alarm system.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of Police or Designee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-90 Alarm System - False Alarms**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS - OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

An Ordinance of the City of Farmington Hills, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Farmington Hills, to be numbered 17-90 of said Code; providing that automatic emergency police/fire dialing systems are not allowed, that owners shall register their alarm systems, that alarm systems must be equipped with automatic shutoff devices, a schedule of exceptions to false alarm fees is provided; providing that a violation of Section 17-90 is a civil infraction, that alarm system installers are required to be licensed by the State of Michigan, that misrepresentation of alarm services rendered by alarm installers is prohibited, and a violation of Section 17-90 is a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$500.00

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:**

**17-90. Alarm Systems - False Alarms**

- (1) Definitions, for the purpose of this Section and Section 17-90, the following definitions shall apply:
- (a) Alarm system — The term "alarm system" shall mean an assembly of equipment and devices, or a single device, except for an alarm system on a motor vehicle, arranged to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention to which police and/or fire departments are expected to respond.
  - (b) Alarm user — The owner of the land or premises within which an alarm system is installed, the tenant, occupant or person having possession or control of any premises in which an alarm system is installed, and any person having actual or constructive possession of an alarm system, when such alarm system signals the presence of a hazard.
  - (c) False alarm — The activation of an alarm system through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or of his employee or agent.
- (2) Automatic Dialing Prohibited. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person to sell, install, use, operate, adjust, arrange for, or contract to provide a device or combination of devices that will, upon activation, either mechanically, electronically or by other means initiate the automatic calling, dialing or connection directly to any Farmington Hills Police Department or Fire Department telephone number.
- (3) Registration Required by Owner. Any person, firm or corporation who owns, leases or occupies a premises in which an alarm system is installed, used, or maintained shall register such alarm system with the City of Farmington Hills Police Department on forms provided by the City.
- (4) Registration Fees. A registration fee, in an amount set by City Council Resolution, shall be paid by each person, firm or corporation who registers an alarm system.
- (5) Name, Address and Phone Numbers Required. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person to maintain an alarm system which, when activated, causes a signal to be emitted which can be heard or seen outside the premises protected by said alarm system, and which is disturbing to the peace and quiet of the surrounding area, unless that person, firm or corporation has first provided the Chief of Police of the City of Farmington Hills with: their name, the telephone number and address of the premises where the alarm system is located, and also the name and telephone number of at least one other person, firm or corporation who can be reached at any time, day or night, and who, within a thirty-minute response time, can open the premises in which the alarm system is installed and deactivate the audible and/or visible signal.
- (6) Automatic Shutoff Required. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person, firm or corporation to maintain and operate an alarm system equipped with audible signal(s) (bells, horns, sirens, etc.) that is not equipped with a shutoff device that automatically silences the audible signal(s) within ten (10) minutes of said signal activation. This Section shall not apply to fire alarm systems.
- (7) Persons, firms or corporations using, owning, leasing or occupying a premises in which an alarm system exists on the effective date of this mandatory ordinance shall comply with the requirements of subparagraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6) above by January 1, 1989.
- (8) Alarm Fees. Notwithstanding any civil fines provided for in the event of a finding of responsibility for violation of this Section or Subsections herein, and notwithstanding the fact that a prosecution for violation of this Section has or has not been commenced, in order to defray the cost of responding to false alarms, the owner, lessee or user of an alarm system described in Subsection (1) of this Section, shall pay to the city the following fees:
- (a) First activation requiring response by police/fire department, in the calendar year . . . . . No Charge
  - (b) Second activation requiring response by the police/fire department, in the calendar year . . . . . \$20  
if not paid within 30 days . . . . . \$30
  - (c) Third activation requiring response by the police/fire department, in the calendar year . . . . . \$40  
if not paid within 30 days . . . . . \$50
  - (d) Fourth and each subsequent activation requiring response by the police/fire department, in the calendar year . . . . . \$100  
If not paid within 30 days . . . . . \$125
  - (e) For each additional 30 day period that the above required fees are not paid, an additional fee shall be required . . . . . \$5
- (9) Alarm Fee Required. The above alarm fees apply in the following cases:
- (a) No evidence of illegal entry or an attempt thereof;
  - (b) No evidence of fire;
  - (c) A malfunction in the system;
  - (d) Activated by mistake;
  - (e) Alarm activated by persons working on the alarm system, where the police and/or fire department were not previously notified.
- (10) Alarm Fee Waiver/Warning. Alarm fees may be waived by the Chief of Police or his designee in the following circumstances.
- (a) Alarms activated by severe storm conditions.
  - (b) Alarm system malfunction; if corrective measures have been instituted within five (5) days after the alarm activation, and a copy of the repair order by a licensed alarm system contractor is provided to the Farmington Hills Police Department Crime Prevention Section within thirty (30) days of the false alarm.
  - (c) False alarms that can be substantiated as being activated by disruption or disturbance of Michigan Bell Telephone Company facilities.
  - (d) Utility pole accidents.
  - (e) Where the fee has been waived by the Chief of Police or his designee because there has been a request for waiver due to documented extenuating circumstances.
  - (f) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no owner or lessee shall be required to pay any fee on the first occasion of a false alarm requiring response by the police/fire department, in the calendar year, but shall be advised in writing by the Chief of Police or his designee of said false alarm and of the existence of this Ordinance.
- (11) Violations. All violations of this Code Section 17-90 by any person, firm or corporation shall be considered a civil infraction and punishable by a civil fine not to exceed \$100.00. Each such false alarm shall be considered a separate violation of this Section.

**17-98. Collection of False Alarm Fees**

- (a) False alarm fees shall be paid within thirty (30) days of written notice sent to the address of the alarm use provided in the alarm system registration.
- (b) Fees not paid within two (2) years or which exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00), such false alarm fees may be collected through placement on property taxes, following procedures prescribed in Section 25-26, of the City Code.
- (c) City Council will establish a review board with the authority to conduct the public hearings required under Section 25-26 and make recommendations to council concerning an assessment roll.

**17-99. Licensing and Regulation of Alarm Installers**

- (1) License Required by Installer. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of installing an alarm system unless such person has been licensed by the State of Michigan in accordance with Public Act No. 190 of 1975, as amended (MCL388.1051).
- (2) Misrepresentation by Alarm Contractor. It shall be a violation of this Section for any person, firm or corporation who is an alarm contractor, or its agent, to knowingly misrepresent any services rendered to an alarm user.
- (3) Violations. All violations of this Code Section, 17-99 by any person, firm or corporation shall be considered misdemeanors and punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.